

The diploma thesis „Waste prevention policy – the beginnings in the Czech Republic“ deals with the priority of waste management. Waste prevention stands for the way to deal with waste that follows the concept of sustainable development and fully applies with its principles. Particular attention is paid to the legal and practical contexts of waste management. The theoretical part focuses on the legislative and practical context of waste prevention policy in the Czech Republic. The theoretical part analyses the economical relation between waste prevention, environmental policy and sustainable development concepts that have a deep impact on waste prevention and its legal regulations. Also the character of a modern society is described, which strives for excessive consumption and stimulates the production of waste.

The practical part describes the instruments for waste prevention and their possibilities of application that have been developed from general waste management instruments. Their general introduction to the Czech Republic is exemplified by a survey that describes the waste prevention measures applied in the region of central Bohemia. This case study focuses on the concrete instruments that are used by the local authorities to reduce the municipal waste production. The survey provides information on the frequency of applied measures, the factors that influence their application and as well on the benefits and problems that are caused by the established measures. The last part of this thesis compares the findings of the theoretical and practical and presents the final conclusion of the author.